As I am sure every man in your House is now fully Satisfied that U. H. J. the Charge of £2500 unaccounted for is wholly groundless and that I can assure you that Arms and Ammunition are sent for to the Value p. 98 of what is in Bank according to the best Calculation that we could make here, I hope you will allow that these two Reasons wholly Cease, and as you have not given any others that I can remember, except those about the Continuance, I hope you will no longer delay sending up the Bill for Arms &ca so necessary for the Defence of the Province

Sam Ogle

26 July 1740

To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esqr Governor of Maryland

The humble Address of the House of Delegates of the said Province

May it please your Excellency

It was because the several matters containd in your Message of the 23<sup>d</sup> Instant have been already sufficiently answered in former Addresses and Messages and not that we looked upon them as unanswerable that we did not enter into them particularly in our last Address And We heartily Wish that We now had it in Our Power consistent with Our Duty to those who sent us hither to return Your Excellency an Answer Agreeable to you; but as that seems Impracticable we think that from the plain manner in which we declared Our Resolutions in our last Address there was no Room left to protract this Session any longer when we can see no prospect of serving the People further by staying here

We never in any of our debates questioned the good qualities or Estates of the Gentlemen of the Upper House, tho We cannot allow that they are the only men in the Province of Honour Justice and Interest and it is from their present Conduct on the present occasion people must Judge of the reasonableness or unreasonableness of their views Had Your Excellency been pleased to add to your Encomium on your Council that a Majority of them hold Places of Profit and Trust & that the Income of those Places greatly exceeds that of all their private Estates, a Stranger might perhaps the more easily account for their differing so much from us in opinion

It is true the Upper House sent down some of Our Laws while we were preparing our last Address but We did not think that any reason for altering it since several and the most material of them are still kept back, and if they should think proper to send them down before this reaches Your Excellency our Complaints are not the less Just for their detaining them a month last Session and almost a fortnight now, and by that means only, running to the Expence of the Assembly sitting near Six Weeks

Your Excellency has indeed been more Explicit in declaring Your Sentiments and particularly pressing (as you are pleased to say)

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